

# DIL Engineering Task Group Costs of Returned Concrete

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# Why are we discussing returned concrete?

#### **Returned Concrete**

• 2%-10% of Production (avg 6%)

#### Industry

>> 385,000,000 yd<sup>3</sup> annually

#### **Plant**

>> 53,000 yd<sup>3</sup> annually

#### Truck

>> 5,300 yd<sup>3</sup> annually

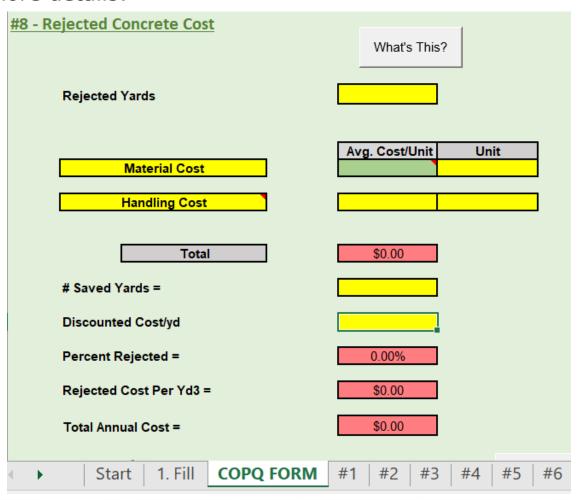
- Growing problem % returned is constant but increasing concrete volume produced
- > Has a direct impact on companies' revenue/profits
  - More operational efficiency to offset driver shortage and increasing material cost
- > Push for carbon neutrality Increased interest for producers to understand impact on full process
  - Increasing regulations and environmental constraints
- > Lack of comprehensive tools available to quantify cost and footprint for handling returned concrete





# NRMCA COPQ Form Section 8

As you can see, the tool analyzes the cost on two aspects: Material Cost and Handling Cost without going into more details:



# Does not consider all the different options to handle returned concrete.

- > Send directly to a disposal facility
- Produce blocks and sell
- Granulize via admix or mechanical crush and sell or reuse
- Reuse fresh concrete and batch on top
- > Etc.





# **Engineering Task Group Objectives**

- > The primary objective of the task group was to:
  - Evaluate the processes a concrete producer has available to address returned concrete
  - ☐ Accurately quantify profit/loss for a given handling process
  - ☐ Create a user-friendly electronic tool for producers to identify optimum management of returned concrete











# **Process Options**

#### Reuse of Fresh Concrete (x)

- Xx
- xx

**Returned Concrete** 

#### Dumping offsite (2)

- Driver wage
- Time for travel
- Fee for disposal
- Time for truck washing

#### Produce Blocks & Sell (3)

- Capacity of forms
- Driver wage and time
- Time for discharge and truck washing
- Cost of hooks
- Time to unform, stack, and load
- Profit for sell

# Granulize via Admix & Sell / Reuse (4)

- Cost of admix
- **Driver wage**
- Time for mixing and dumping
- Time for truck washing
- Time for stockpiling
- Profit for sell / reuse

# Breaking & Stock Piling (5)

- Driver wage and time for discharge
- Time for truck washing
- Load operator wage
- Time to break & stockpile

# Mechanical Crush & Sell/ Reuse (6)

- Equipment cost
- Operator wage
- Time for crushing
- Profit for sell /reuse

#### Haul Offsite (7)

- Load operator wage
- Time for loading
- Hauling & disposal fee





#### **General Information**

1. General information	
What is the truck and driver hourly wage?  What is the loader operators' wage?  How much time driver takes to wash his truck after dumping?  What is your average load size of returned concrete?  What is your yard equipment variable cost per hour?	\$/hour \$/hour mins/truck yd3 \$/hr.



# **Dumping Offsite**

**Returned Concrete** 

#### Dumping offsite (2)

- Driver wage
- Time for travel
- Fee for disposal
- Time for truck washing

2. Dumping Offsite	
How much time driver takes to dump?	mins/yd <sup>3</sup>
What is the travel time to the site where concrete is dumped?	mins/round trip
If you pay per tonnage to dispose the concrete offsite, what is your rate?	\$/ton
If you pay per number of trucks to dispose the concrete offsite, what is your rate?	\$/truck
If you pay a monthly fee to dispose the concrete offsite, what is your fee?	\$/month
If you are paid for the returned concrete dumping, what is your rate?	\$/ton



#### **Block Production**

**Returned Concrete** 

#### Produce Blocks & Sell (3)

- Capacity of forms
- Driver wage and time
- Time for discharge and truck washing
- Cost of hooks
- Time to unform, stack, and load
- Profit for sell

3. Block Production		
What is your selling price?	\$ /block	
What is the capacity of your forms?	yd³/form	
What is the cost for the hooks used?	\$/block	
How much time drivers take to fill the forms?	mins/form	
How much time it takes to strip forms & stack the blocks?	mins/form	
How much time it takes to stack the blocks?	mins/block	
How much time it takes to load the hauler?	mins/block	





#### **Granulize via Admix**

**Returned Concrete** 

# Granulize via Admix & Sell / Reuse (4)

- Cost of admix
- Driver wage
- Time for mixing, dumping, washing
- Time for stockpiling
- Profit for sell / reuse

4. Granulize via admix	
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What is the cost of the admix?	\$/yd³
How much time it takes to add the admix, mix and dump?	mins/yd³
How much of this material is your loader operator able to stockpile per hour?	ton/hr.
If you reuse the granulized material, what is your cost of virgin aggregate?	\$/ton
If you sell the material, what is your selling price?	\$/ton



# **Break & Stockpile**

**Returned Concrete** 

## Breaking & Stock Piling (5)

- Driver wage and time for discharge
- Time for truck washing
- Load operator wage
- Time to break & stockpile

#### 5. Dumping onsite, breaking, and stockpiling

How much time does the driver take to dump the returned concrete?  $mins/yd^3$ How many tons per hour is your loader operator able to break? ton/hr.
How many tons per hour is your loader operator able to stockpile? ton/hr.



# **Granulize**Via Mechanical Crusher

**Returned Concrete** 

# Breaking & Stock Piling (5)

- Driver wage and time for discharge
- Time for truck washing
- Load operator wage
- Time to break & stockpile

# Mechanical Crush & Sell/ Reuse (6)

- Equipment cost
- Operator wage
- Time for crushing
- Profit for sell /reuse

#### 6. Granulize via mechanical crusher

\$/hour	our?	If you rent a crusher, what is the total rental fee per hour?
tonnes/h	ity?	If you rent a crusher, what is its capacity?
tonnes/r	our?	If you have a crusher onsite, how many tonnes is your loader operator able fill the equipment's' hopper per hour?
\$/hour	ge?	If you have a crusher onsite, what is the equipment operators' wage?
\$/hr	our?	If you have a crusher onsite, what is your crushers' variable cost per hour?
\$/ton	ate?	If you reuse the granulized material, what is your cost of virgin aggregate?
\$/ton	ce?	If you resell the material, what is your selling price?

\* fee should include, equipment, labour to run crusher and loader and both equipments variable cost





#### **Haul Offsite**

Returned Concrete

### Breaking & Stock Piling (5)

- Driver wage and time for discharge
- Time for truck washing
- Load operator wage
- Time to break & stockpile

#### Haul Offsite (7)

- Load operator wage
- Time for loading
- Hauling & disposal fee

# If you pay to haul the returned concrete per load, what is the price? S/load How much time does the loader operator take to load the hauler? What is the average tons per truck hauled? If you pay to haul concrete by weight, how much do you pay per ton? If you resell the material, what is your selling price? \$/ton





# **Cost of Returned Concrete Tool Demonstration**



Cost of Returned Concrete









## **Next Steps**

- > Receive feedback from Industry
- > Add other processes and input fields
- > Finalize tool



